



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, There are more than 101,690 Idahoans of Hispanic descent whose presence gives this state a culture uniquely rich in the diversity of its people, their traditions and history, and contributions to the state of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho will continue to be enriched by strengthening and expanding our social, cultural and economic status; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's focus is to improve the socio-economic and educational status of the states Hispanic population with the most effective and efficient use of existing resources; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Hispanic population continues there proud traditions by its commitment to youth, family values, hard work and progress; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's people share the vision of uniting our communities by celebrating the diverse cultures of all our citizens, and it is appropriate that we honor our fellow citizens during this traditional celebration and recognize their contributions to our society; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics are the fastest growing minority in this country and in the state of Idaho and September is recognized nationally as Hispanic Heritage month; and

WHEREAS, the annual Hispanic Issues Training Conference will be held in Boise September 15-17, 2004, under the theme of "20th Annual Anniversary" and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2004, to be

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE